

REMARKS

In his action the Examiner rejects numerous groups of claims for double patenting. These groups of claims have been canceled from the present application obviating the objection. Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's contention that there is in fact double patenting but expects to file divisional cases direct to individual groups to more fully explore issues raised during the prosecution of this case. What remains in the application are Claims 1-5, which have been indicated as allowable and not objectionable for double patenting. The claims are amended to make it clear that the barrier attribute is impervious to the flow of blood consistent with the arguments made overcoming references applied by the Examiner. With the cancellation of all claims save 1-5, the Applicant believes the case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully sought.

CONCLUSION

All of the claims remaining in this application should now be seen to be in condition for allowance. The prompt issuance of a notice to that effect is solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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